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SUBJECT: U.S. FEED GRAINS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES VISIT TO HUNGARY

1. ON MARCH 17 AND 18 TWO U.S. FEED GRAINS COUNCIL (USFGC) REPRESENTATIVES, WERNER FROM HAMBURG AND GRAZIANI FROM ROME, VISITED HUNGARY TO GAIN FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE ON KAHYB'S (SHORT FOR KAPOSVAR HYBRID) SWINE BREEDING OPERATIONS IN HUNGARY. AGATT JOINED THEM DURING THE VISIT.

2. AT AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY OF KAPOSVAR WHERE KAHYB CONDUCTS EXTENSIVE EXPERIMENTS ON SWINE BREEDING, GROUP WAS BRIEFED AT LENGTH AND DISCUSSED WAYS TO DISSEMINATE RESULTS TO VARIOUS HOG RAISING ENTERPRISES IN HUNGARY. THE FIELD TRIP COVERED TWO LARGE HOG RAISING OPERATIONS, ONE AT HOGYESZ AND OTHER AT CEGLED, WHERE KAHYB RAISES SEVERAL THOUSAND HEAD OF SWINE.

3. THE GROUP ALSO MET WITH KAZARECKY, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF AGROBER, RESPONSIBLE AMONG OTHER THINGS FOR INVESTMENT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SWINE RAISING FACILITIES.

4. AS PART OF A MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR U.S. GRAIN, SPONSORED JOINTLY BY USDA'S FAS AND USFGC, THE TRIP TO HUNGARY WAS THE FIRST BY THIS GROUP AND PERMITTED LEARNING FIRST HAND ABOUT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HUNGARIAN SWINE BREEDING AND SWINE RAISING OPERATIONS.

5. THE GROUP ALSO EXPLORED POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES. SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON: (A) OBTAINING KAHYB'S ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE GERMAN SWINE BREEDING AND SWINE RAISING OPERATIONS; (B) OBTAINING EXPERTISE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A GIANT HOG RAISING OPERATION IN ITALY (HALF MILLION HEAD A YEAR) NOW UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY LOCAL ITALIAN AUTHORITIES; AND (C) HOLDING SEMINAR AT KAPOSVAR SOMETIME IN FALL ON SWINE BREEDING AND SWINE FEEDING WITH PARTICIPATION OF DOZEN SPEAKERS FROM BOTH EAST AND WEST EUROPE. BUCHANAN

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